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SUBJECT: IAEA CONSULTANT GROUP ON STATUS OF INTERCALIBRATION
STANDARDS FOR STABLE ISOTOPE MEASUREMENTS IN HYDROLOGY
AND GEOCHEMISTRY

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED AGENCY LETTER NOTING PLANS
TO CONVENE SUBJECT MEETING IN VIENNA FOR THREE DAYS
IN LATE 1976, POSSIBLY IN OCTOBER. FINAL
DATE TO BE DETERMINED DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF
INVITED EXPERTS. OBJECTIVES OF MEETING ARE: (A)
TO REVIEW RESULTS SO FAR OBTAINED BY DIFFERENT
LABORATORIES IN WORLD ON WATER STANDARDS DISTRIBUTED
BY AGENCY; (B) TO REACH AGREEMENT, IF POSSIBLE, ON
BEST VALUES WHICH SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR THESE
STANDARDS; AND (C) TO DISCUSS AND DEVELOP PROPOSALS
FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF AGENCY IN DISTRIBUTION OF
STABLE ISOTOPE STANDARDS FOR INTERCALIBRATION.

2. AGENCY LETTER STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF THIS
ACTIVITY AND LEADING ROLE PLAYED BY U.S. SCIENTISTS
IN RECOGNIZING NEED FOR AND IN DEVELOPING COMMON
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REFERENCE STANDARDS. ACCORDINGLY, AGENCY BELIEVES

LARGER THAN USUAL NUMBER OF U.S. SCIENTISTS IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS OF THIS MEETING. FOR THIS PURPOSE, AGENCY IS PREPARED PROVIDE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES FOR TWO SCIENTISTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. PROVIDING AT LEAST TWO OTHER SCIENTISTS AS COST-FREE EXPERTS.

3. AGENCY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE FOLLOWING U.S. SCIENTISTS: PROFESSOR H. CRAIG, SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, DR. J.R. O'NEIL, USGS (MENLO PARK), PROFESSOR R. N. CLAYTON, ENRICO FERMI INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR STUDIES, AND DR. I. FRIEDMAN, USGS (DENVER). IN EVENT ONE OR MORE OF ABOVE NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE, AGENCY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING ALTERNATE NAMES: PROFESSOR S. EPSTEIN, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND DR. P. DEINES, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY.

4. FYI AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS INVOLVED IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING DISCUSSED PLANS IN ADVANCE WITH MISOFF, WHO RECOMMENDED APPROACH OF SPLITTING COSTS FOR U.S. PARTICIPANTS AND LIMITING NUMBER OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM FOR SUCCESS OF MEETING. END FYI

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE RESPONSE. COPY OF LETTER POUCHED AMMONS/ERDA. ADVISE SOONEST RE AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTS, IN ORDER THAT AGENCY MAY FIX DATES OF MEETING.LABOWITZ

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